

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-20 and 45-51 remain in the application for consideration.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 1-10, 13 and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,309,301 to Sano (hereinafter “Sano”) in view of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/201,163 to Shih et al. (hereinafter “Shih”).

Claims 14-15 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Sano in view of Shih and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,928,433 to Goodman et al. (hereinafter “Goodman”).

Claims 46-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Goodman.

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Rule 131 Declaration

Applicant intends to file a Rule 131 Declaration to remove the reference to Shih. Unfortunately, the sole inventor has left the employment of the assignee and difficulties have been encountered in securing his signature on the declaration. Therefore, it is Applicant's intention to file a continuation application and to further prosecute the present claims in that application.

Respectfully submitted,

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